

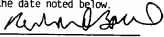


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicants : Akira SUYAMA
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For : METHOD OF DETERMINING
ANALYTICAL NUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCE USED IN NUCLEIC
ACID DETECTION
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 11), the term for response to which is extended three months by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed concomitantly herewith to expire on July 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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